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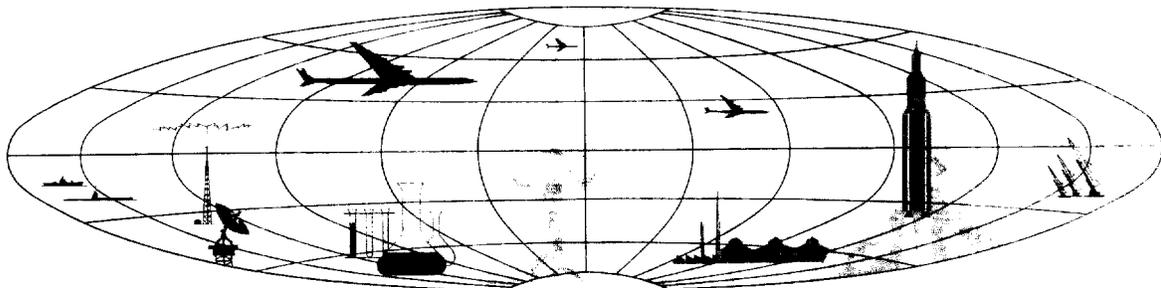
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This report presents a photographic study of 9 selected launch areas deployed in the USSR (Figure 1). Five of these (Bykhov, Marina Gorka, Rozhdestvenka, Uzhgorod, and Kraskino) are MRBM launch areas (Figures 2 to 6) and the remaining 4 (Belomorsk, Zhuravka, Bayram-Ali, and Fedorovka) are IRBM (Figures 7 to 10). They differ from the remaining 180 deployed MRBM and IRBM launch areas in that they do not have an associated site support facility and in its stead usually have only 2 personnel buildings. Within each of the 9 launch areas, a building is positioned on 1 of the inner roads and inline with the ready buildings. This building, designated as a receiving, inspection, and maintenance (RIM) building, is smaller than the associated ready buildings, is never earth mounded, and has an open framework extension at 1 end which possibly supports an overhead crane.

areas have been abandoned or destroyed and evidence of dismantling is noted at 4 of the others. The first photographic evidence of dismantling was seen at the Kraskino Launch Area

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followed by Bayram-Ali Zhuravka Fedorovka and Belomorsk

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As seen at each of the 4 launch areas that were observed during the period that they were being deactivated, the RIM building and personnel-type buildings are the first components to be removed. In the final phases the remaining buildings or structures are either bulldozed over, destroyed, or abandoned, with their entrances apparently sealed.

Military areas are observed near most of the 9 launch areas; however, in only 1 instance was activity observed in any of the launch areas. Possible erectors and possible prime movers were discernible on 2 of the launch pads in the Bayram-Ali Launch Area

Vehicles were seen on the access road to the Rozhdestvenka Launch Area.

The 9 launch areas were constructed and are widely distributed throughout the USSR. One is located in the Karelia region, 2 in the Maritime Provinces, 3 in western USSR, and the remaining 3 in central USSR. To date, 3 of the launch

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FIGURE 2. BYKHOV MRBM LAUNCH AREA.

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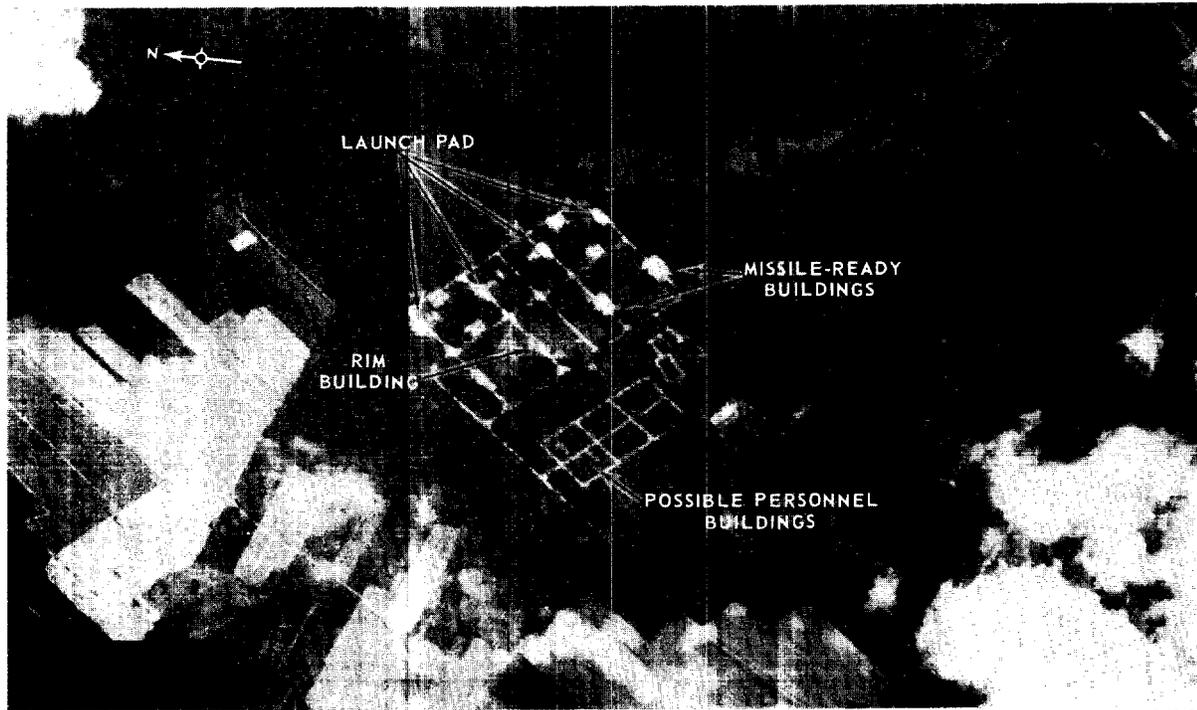


FIGURE 3. MARINA GORKA MRBM LAUNCH AREA.

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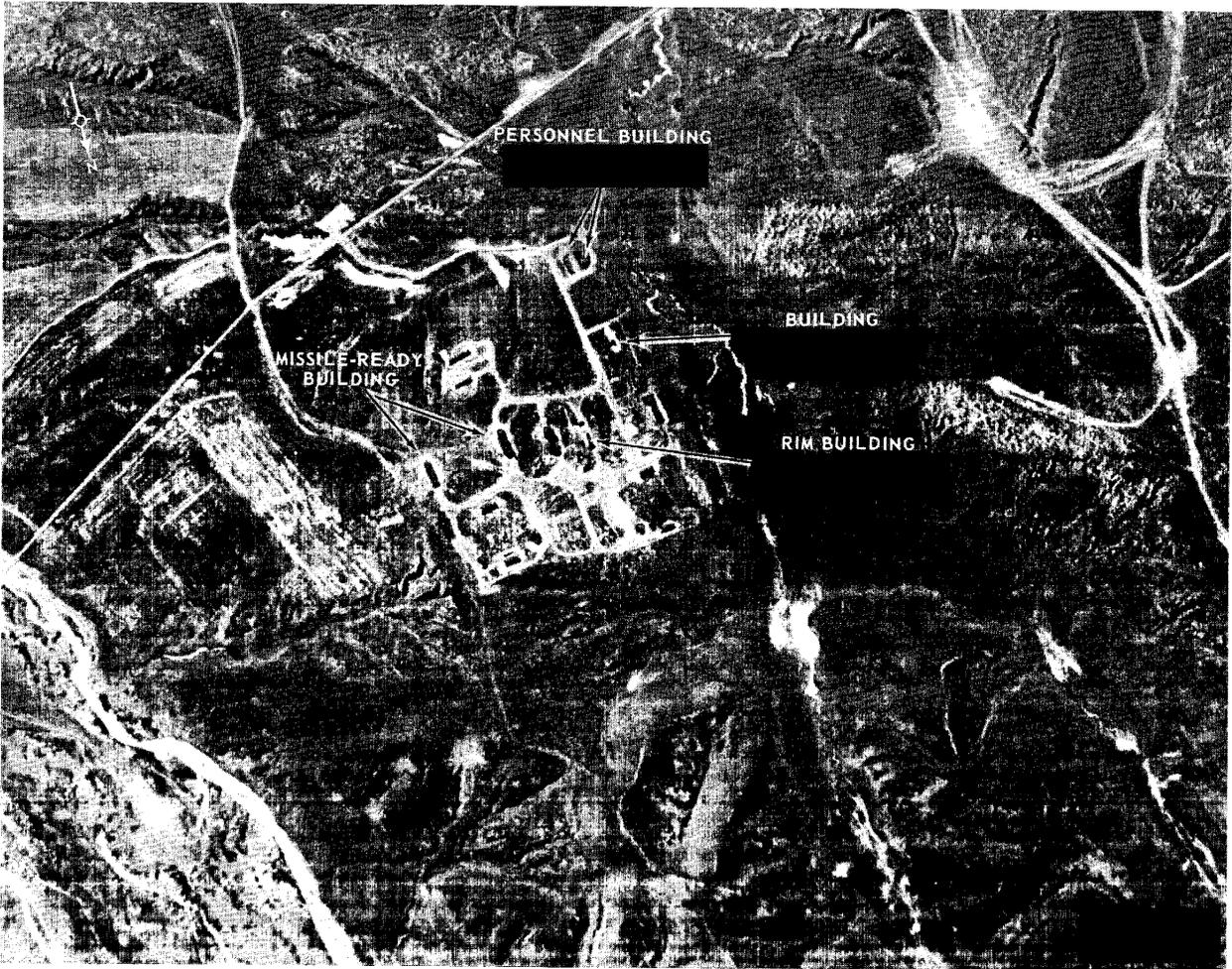
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FIGURE 6. KRASKINO MRBM LAUNCH AREA.

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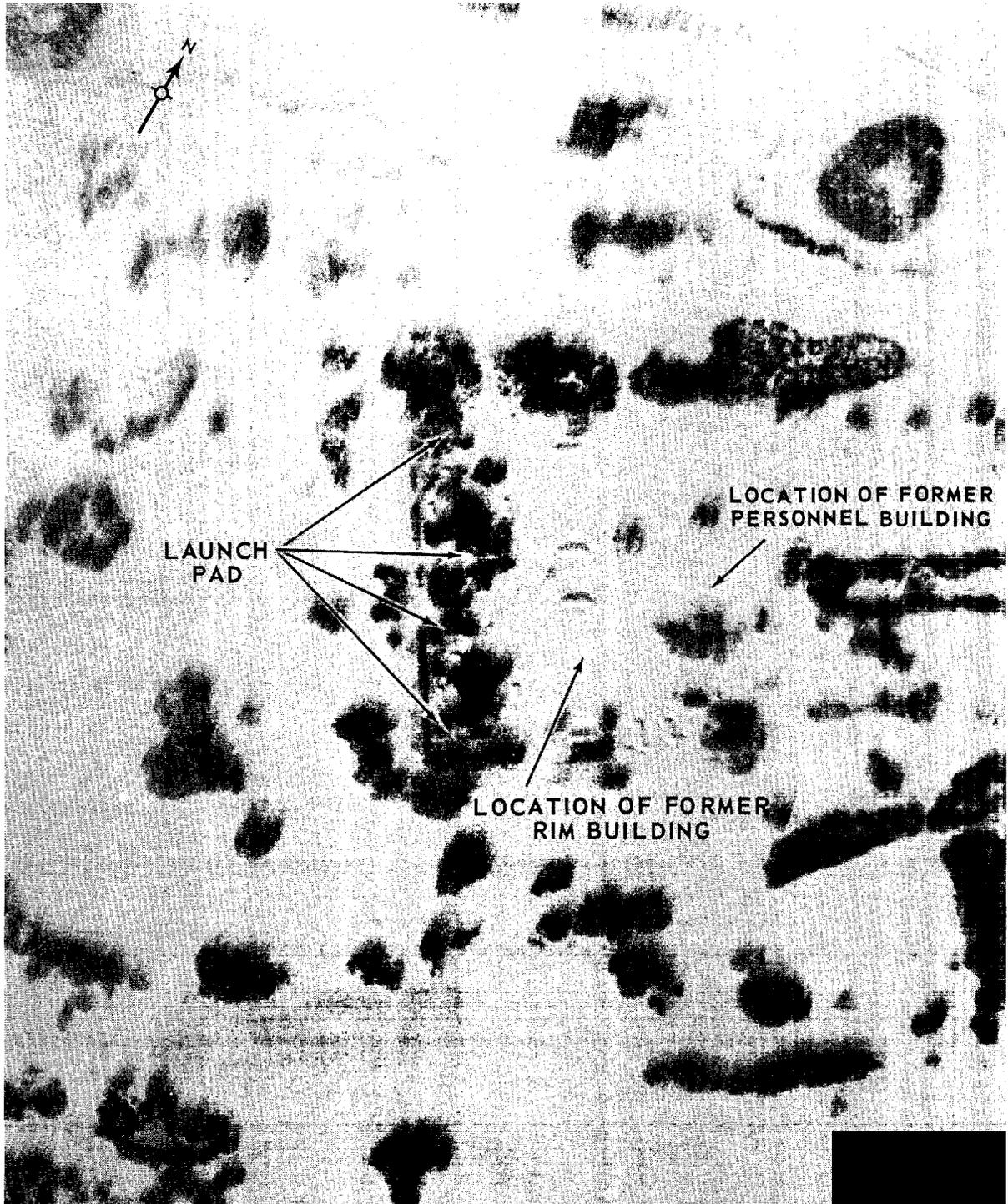
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FIGURE 8. ZHURAVKA IRBM LAUNCH AREA.

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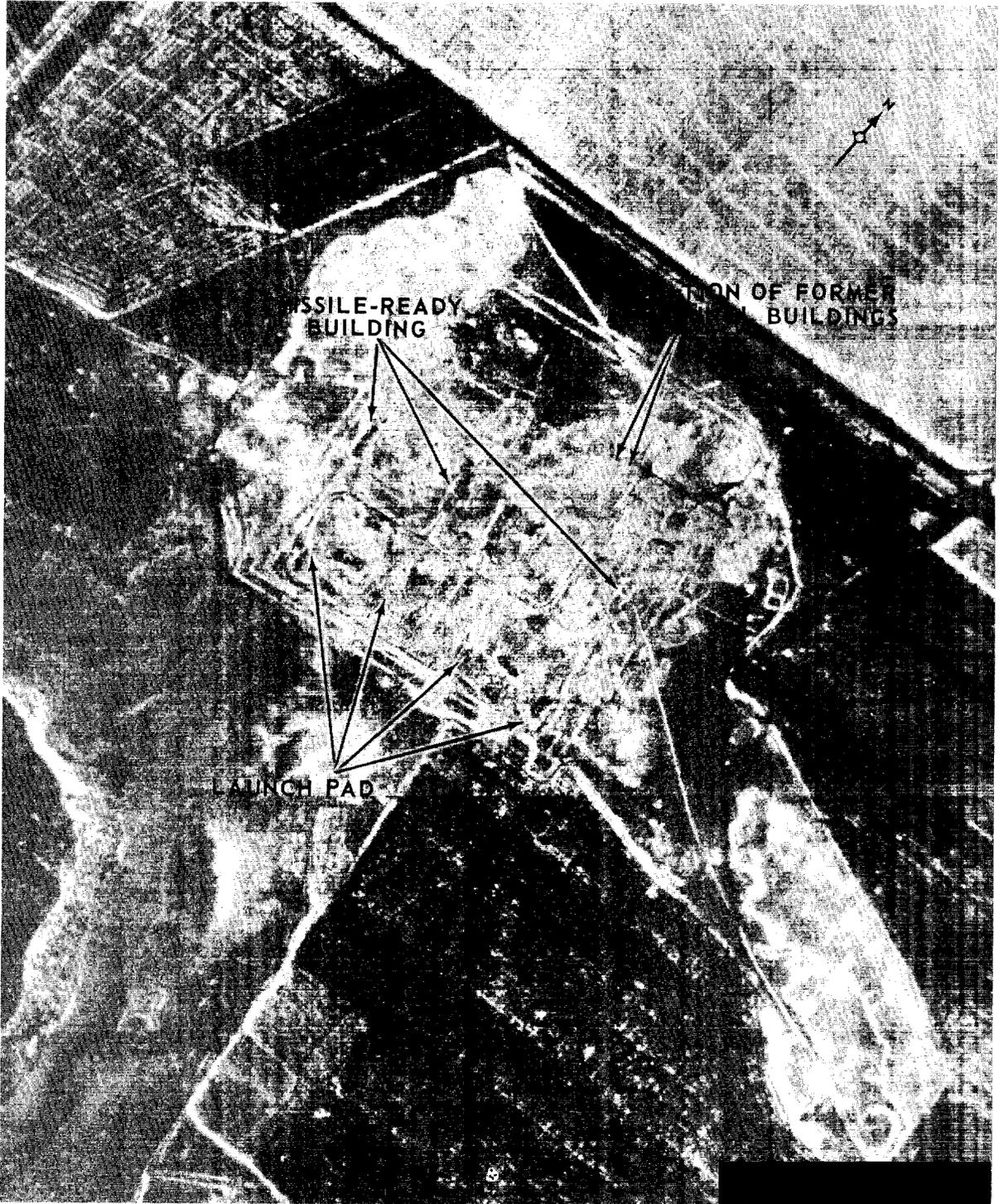


FIGURE 10. FEDOROVKA IRBM LAUNCH AREA.

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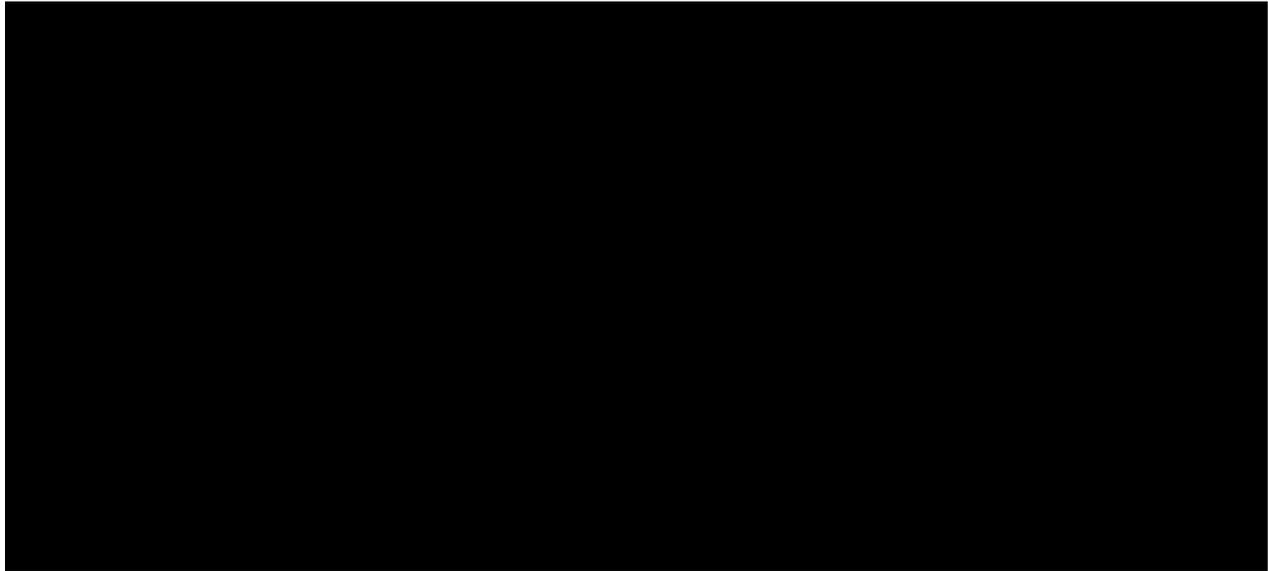
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